

# Promises2Kids Day

## Presented by Councilmember Chris Cate

May 25, 2021

**WHEREAS**, Promises2Kids was originally founded in 1981, as the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation and is celebrating 40 years of service. Promises2Kids has responded to the needs of foster children and has provided support to children removed from their home due to abuse and neglect; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, annually, Promises2Kids provides over 3,000 current and former foster youth in San Diego County with the tools, opportunities, and guidance they need to address the circumstances that brought them into foster care, overcome the difficulties of their past, and grow into healthy, happy, and successful adults; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Promises2Kids' mission is to *Create a Brighter Future for Foster Children*® in San Diego County. Signature programs include Camp Connect, Guardian Scholars, Foster Funds, and the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, through Camp Connect, brothers and sisters living apart in foster care have been reunited 2,041 times; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, through Guardian Scholars, 739 high school and college students have been supported in reaching their educational goals; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, through Foster Funds, 17,702 youth have received birthday gifts, school clothes, and opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, through the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center – an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children, over 60,000 children have been cared for; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Promises2Kids has been at the forefront of foster care related issues, leading efforts including building the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center with the County of San Diego and many individual supporters, collaboratively building San Pasqual Academy, the creation of one centralized Child Abuse Hotline, training and coordinating first responders on responding to child abuse cases, and providing education for current and former foster youth; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Diego proudly applauds Promises2Kids for supporting over 200,000 children in San Diego County; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim May 25, 2021 to be "**Promises2Kids Day**" in the City of San Diego.